

Subject: Re: Request Status on Wayfinding Grant & Medallions (Hollywood Media District) REPROGRAMMING

From: Dan Halden <daniel.halden@lacity.org>

Date: 06/23/2016 04:42 PM

To: Carlos Rios <carlos.rios@lacity.org>

CC: Media District <lisa@mediadistrict.org>, Jim Omahen <jim@mediadistrict.org>, Joseph Keung <joseph.keung@lacity.org>, Sunil Rajpal <sunil.rajpal@lacity.org>

Thanks, Carlos!

I believe Lisa had a revised/identified scope of work... Lisa, can you please confirm?

Thanks!



Dan Halden

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On Thu, Jun 23, 2016 at 1:41 PM, Carlos Rios <carlos.rios@lacity.org> wrote:

Hello Team,

My apologies for the delayed response to this request. Last we left off, I was going to reach out to Metro to see about re-scoping the original grant to include elements that are feasible with minimal implementation hurdles. I did get a response from Metro, and it was not what I expected. The funds that were originally programmed for this project were what are referred to as STPL (don't really know what that stands for). But nonetheless, these funds are earmarked for rehabilitation and maintenance type of activities. With that, our original scope did not meet either one of these requirements. Having said that, I was advised by Metro, that if we indeed want to re-scope a project, let's go ahead and send them a revised scope. DO we have an identified scope of work that we should be sending to Metro? Please advise.

Thanks

Carlos

On Wed, Feb 24, 2016 at 4:56 PM, Media District <lisa@mediadistrict.org> wrote:

Dear Carlos:

Its been a while since we spoke regarding the request to "reprogram" the Wayfinding Grant. You were going to see if that was feasible. Please let me know the status.

Thank you

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From: Carlos Rios <carlos.rios@lacity.org>
Date: Wednesday, January 6, 2016 at 11:18 AM
To: Dan Halden <daniel.halden@lacity.org>
Cc: Lisa Schechter <lisa@mediadistrict.org>, Joseph Keung <joseph.keung@lacity.org>, Jim Omahen <jim@mediadistrict.org>, Rick Mayer <rmayer@trollermayer.com>, John Massoud <jmassoud@trollermayer.com>, Mike Malick <mike.malick@marcusmillichap.com>, Sunil Rajpal <sunil.rajpai@lacity.org>
Subject: Re: Wayfinding Grant & Medallions (Hollywood Media District)

Hello all,

I need an update in this as we are close to being inactive and are jeopardizing the funds. Please advise.

Thanks

Carlos

On Fri, Dec 11, 2015 at 5:10 PM, Dan Halden <daniel.halden@lacity.org> wrote:
Lisa, can you provide an update?



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On Fri, Dec 11, 2015 at 4:32 PM, Carlos Rios <carlos.rios@lacity.org> wrote:
Hi Dan,

Can we get the latest update on this? This project has been on hold for some time and we'd like to get some direction moving forward.

Please advise.

Thank you

Carlos

On Mon, Oct 26, 2015 at 1:52 PM, Dan Halden <daniel.halden@lacity.org> wrote:
Joseph et al, FYI -- Lisa and I will be meeting on this next week and then we will be in further touch with you all re: next steps. Thank you for your patience.



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On Wed, Oct 21, 2015 at 3:08 PM, Media District <lisa@mediadistrict.org> wrote:

Dear Dan:

Of course I would love to meet regarding this outstanding grant. I believe that Joseph has requested an extension on the way finding grant - so that I can do the BID's due diligence in order to make an educated decision on behalf of the BID Board. Let me know what works best for you.

Regards,

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From: Dan Halden <daniel.halden@lacity.org>

Date: Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at 1:17 PM

To: Joseph Keung <joseph.keung@lacity.org>

Cc: Jim Omahen <jim@mediadistrict.org>, Carlos Rios <carlos.rios@lacity.org>, Rick Mayer <rmayer@trollermayer.com>, John Massoud <jmassoud@trollermayer.com>, Lupe Sandoval <lupe.sandoval@lacity.org>, Mike Malick <mike.malick@marcusmillichap.com>, Lisa Schechter <lisa@mediadistrict.org>

Subject: Re: Wayfinding Grant & Medallions (Hollywood Media District)

Thank you, Joseph. Since August, the HMD has a new executive director, Lisa Schechter, who is CCed here. Now that there is new leadership in place, I suggest what I had recommended previously -- a meeting of everyone here to discuss next steps. Joseph, would you still be willing to meet?



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On Tue, Oct 20, 2015 at 10:18 AM, Joseph Keung <joseph.keung@lacity.org> wrote:

To all,

I last received the email from Dan saying the HMD Board would like to proceed the project with medallions, but I did not receive any confirmation from HMD since August. I would like to know if this is the case. But let me reiterate that the original scope of the project is to install the gateway monument and wayfinding signage, and since the gateway monument is rejected by Caltrans

(Santa Monica is state highway), any change in scope must be approved by Metro and Caltrans. Also, any change in scope will result in change of funding. Therefore, please let me know as soon as possible if you want to proceed with the changes. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.



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On Wed, Aug 5, 2015 at 10:47 AM, Dan Halden <daniel.halden@lacity.org> wrote:
I believe the Board voted to continue to pursue the medallions, is that correct Steven? Please confirm... If so, I'm happy to help set up a meeting so we can assist in pushing this project through. Please let me know.

Thanks,



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On Tue, Aug 4, 2015 at 4:01 PM, Joseph Keung <joseph.keung@lacity.org> wrote:
Steven,

I would like to follow up with this project. Have your Board reached a decision regarding the project? I believe you and your Board had a meeting in late July, and I would like to know your final decision so I could notify Caltrans one way or the other. Please let me know as soon as possible. Thank you.



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On Tue, Jul 21, 2015 at 10:32 AM, Steven Whiddon <steven@mediadistrict.org> wrote:
I feel it is not wise to schedule a meeting until the Board has reached a final decision —which should be later this week.

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On Jul 20, 2015, at 9:15 PM, Dan Halden <daniel.halden@lacity.org> wrote:

How about Friday 8/7 at 10:30 AM?



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On Mon, Jul 20, 2015 at 4:56 PM, Steven Whiddon <steven@mediadistrict.org> wrote:
I am not available on that day or at that time.

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On Jul 20, 2015, at 4:46 PM, Carlos Rios <carlos.rios@lacity.org> wrote:

I am available on the 31st at 10:00 am.

Carlos

On Mon, Jul 20, 2015 at 10:08 AM, Dan Halden <daniel.halden@lacity.org> wrote:

Yes, we would definitely like to meet before any decisions are made. Can folks meet on **Friday 7/31 at 10:00 AM?**

Thanks,



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On Mon, Jul 20, 2015 at 6:49 AM, Carlos Rios <carlos.rios@lacity.org> wrote:
Thank you Steve.

We will need to notify our Council Office if indeed we will be dropping this project.

Joseph, can you please coordinate a meeting with CD 13?

Thanks

Carlos Rios

On Jul 17, 2015, at 3:05 PM, Steven Whiddon <steven@mediadistrict.org> wrote:

Hello!

On behalf of the Hollywood Media District BID, we would like to extend a heart-felt THANK YOU for the teamwork and good faith effort that was put into trying to make this project a reality. At this time, it is doubtful that the Media District will decide to move forward with the Wayfinding Grant & Medallions. A lot of time, energy and money was spent trying to negotiate with Cal-Trans—to no avail. At our last meeting, we discussed abandoning the project. I am awaiting an official decision from our Chair and Board of Director's and will a definitive answer by next Friday, July 24, 2015.

Thank you for staying in touch.

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On Jul 17, 2015, at 1:11 PM, Joseph Keung <joseph.keung@lacity.org> wrote:

I may not be able to attend the meeting, but just want to give you some background info about this project. This is a Metro Call-for-project back in 2001. The scope of the project is to install wayfinding signage and gateway monument along Santa Monica Blvd between Vine Ave and La Brea Ave. After DOT received authorization to proceed with design from Caltrans, there has been several concepts regarding the signage and the gateway monument. However, since Santa Monica is a state highway, all design must be approved by Caltrans. When DOT tried to submit the conceptual design to Caltrans for approval, the gateway monument has been rejected. Also, the signage has also been limited to public entities only. As a result, if we want to move forward with the project, Caltrans must be on board on this. Also, since this is Metro Call-for-project, any change in scope must be approved by Metro as well.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional info. I will be happy to provide them. Thank you .



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On Fri, Jul 17, 2015 at 12:03 PM, Dan Halden
<daniel.halden@lacity.org> wrote:

Would it help to have a meeting? CD13 would like to move this forward but, since there have been different iterations/designs over the years, and it has lasted for quite some time, I am unclear as to where exactly we are at this moment.

I propose a meeting to discuss all elements of the project at the CD13 District Office (Echo Park) within the next couple of weeks. ALL: please advise if you can meet on **Friday, July 31st at 10:00 AM at the CD13 District Office, 1722 Sunset Blvd in Echo Park.**

Thanks,



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On Thu, Jul 16, 2015 at 3:46 PM, Joseph Keung
<joseph.keung@lacity.org> wrote:

I would like to follow up with this project. Are you able to get any approval from the local and state elected officials? Caltrans sent the City a notice that if the project does not have show any progress in the near future, Caltrans will start the process to take away the funding to this project. Therefore, please let me know if there is a possibility that this project could move forward. Thank you.



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On Thu, Jan 22, 2015 at 11:21 AM, Media District
<steven@mediadistrict.org> wrote:

Good Morning Joseph!

Please let this email serve as confirmation that the Hollywood Media District Property Owner's Association intends to move forward with this project. Note - we are working closely with our local and state elected officials and staff to move this through the approval process. Without cooperation from Cal-Trans, we would be wasting everyone's time. Please stay tuned and we should have updates by beginning of March, if not sooner.

Thank you for your continued patience. Please confirm receipt.

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On Jan 20, 2015, at 7:46 AM, Joseph Keung
<joseph.keung@lacity.org> wrote:

Steven,

I would like to follow up with this project. I haven't received any email or phone call from you since November 2014, so I am not sure if you have made any decision regarding this project. Please send me an email or give me a call to discuss. Thank you.



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On Mon, Nov 17, 2014 at 2:23 PM, Steven Whiddon
<steven@mediadistrict.org> wrote:

Thank you! I will review the document this week. Once I feel I have digested the information, I will give you guys a call to set up a meeting to move forward.

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On Nov 17, 2014, at 10:52 AM, Joseph Keung wrote:

See attached. This one is actually dated 3/15/2012.



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On Fri, Nov 14, 2014 at 1:03 PM, Steven Whiddon <steven@mediadistrict.org> wrote:
Rick,

Thanks for reaching out. I actually need some help in getting up to speed--starting from the very beginning of the project as I simply have not been given that information. I am happy to do a conference

call with the group, or perhaps you and I can have the initial conversation prior to group call? Whatever you think is most respectful of everyone's time. I am available always on my cell. 323-60

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On Nov 11, 2014, at 7:45 PM, Rick Mayer wrote:

Hi Steve: I am Rick Mayer, Troller Mayer Associates. We prepared the plans. If you have any questions or need something else let me know.

Regards, Rick

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 11, 2014, at 3:10 PM, Steven Whiddon <steven@mediadistrict.org> wrote:

Good Afternoon Joseph!

I am the new Executive Director for Hollywood Media District Property Owner's Association (BID). I would like to speak with you regarding this project. We most definitely would like to move forward as quickly as possible. Please let me know a convenient time for us to talk and the best number to reach you? I can be reached at the office number listed below or by cell. [323-600-4353](tel:323-600-4353).

Cheers,
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Begin forwarded message:

From: Jim Omahen
<jim@mediadistrict.org>
Subject: FW: Wayfinding Grant
Date: November 3, 2014 11:52:53 AM PST
To: Steven Whiddon
<steven@mediadistrict.org>, Mike Malick
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From: Susan Levi
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Date: Mon, 03 Nov 2014 11:34:32 -0700
To: Joseph Keung
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Cc: Jim Omahen
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Conversation: Wayfinding Grant
Subject: Re: Wayfinding Grant

Good Morning,

I am no longer with the Hollywood Media District BID. Before my departure I turned over all of the information I had regarding the grant, however I don't know how they plan to proceed. There is a new design for the medallions that I believe CalTrans would approve and Troller Mayer completed the directional signage portion of the grant based upon CalTrans requirements. I don't know if those had been submitted to you or not. Jim, would you please respond?

Best,
Susan

On 11/3/14 8:54 AM,
"Joseph Keung"
<joseph.keung@lacity.org>
> wrote:

Susan,

I would like to follow up on my email dated 7/23. Have you decided how you would like to proceed with your project? DOT would like to know if you are still interested in moving the project forward. Otherwise, DOT would need to close out the project since it has been awhile this project has shown any progress. Please let us know as soon as possible. Thanks.

Best regards,
Joseph

On Wed, Jul 23, 2014
at 3:18 PM, Joseph
Keung
<joseph.keung@lacity.org>
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Susan,

it has been over a year since we last communicated, therefore, I would like to know how

you would like to proceed with this project. Caltrans has not changed their conditions regarding the wayfinding signage and gateway monument since the last time we talked to them, therefore, please let us know what you would like to do regarding this project. Please let us know if you have any questions. Thanks.

Best regards,
Joseph

On Mon, Jun 17, 2013 at 1:13 PM, Carlos Rios <carlos.rios@lacity.org> wrote:

If you stop at the City of LA border, the West Hollywood option will not work

Still waiting on a final-final determination, but from talking to their higher

ups, it doesn't look promising. I don't know if reaching out to an assembly member would hurt. I'll get back to you with a contact name.

Carlos

On Mon, Jun 17, 2013 at 11:57 AM, Susan Levi <susanlevi@abids.org> wrote:

We stop at the LA border. Did we get a final answer from Caltrans when they took it up the ladder? Would it help if we had the Assembly member contact that department ?

On 6/17/13 10:11 AM, "Carlos Rios" <carlos.rios@lacity.org> wrote:

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n/Jim,

Joseph just brought up a very important issue.

Does the HMD jurisdictional boundaries extend into the City of West Hollywood? If not, then we may have serious issues in delivering this element of the project, because under what authority would you (HMD) have to comply with whatever requirement

the City of West Hollywood may impose (insurance, maintenance, etc.).

Please advise.

Carlos

On Thu, Jun 13, 2013 at 2:44 PM, Joseph Keung <joseph.keung@lacity.org> wrote:

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Didn't Caltrans already approve the design and it was just some of the destinations that were in question?

On 6/13/13 2:36 PM, "Carlos Rios" <carlos.rios@lacity.org> wrote:

The wayfinding signs have different requirements.

Joseph, can you please provide Jim with the Caltrans standards that apply to the wayfinding signs?

Thanks

Carlos

On Thu, Jun 13, 2013 at 2:20 PM, Jim Omahen <jim@mediadistrict.org> wrote:
Carlos, thanks for including me on the update.

I have a question that perhaps you

could answer. Regarding our "Wayfinding" signs that will go on street light poles along Santa Monica Blvd. (SR 2), they will overhang two feet (2') towards the roadway. Do you know if this would be OK and within Caltrans standards. If you . . . or anyone else cc'ed on this message could answer this question it would be appreciated.

Thanks.

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On 6/13/13 11:39 AM, "Susan Levi"
<susanlevi@labids.org> wrote:

Hi Carlos,

Thanks for getting back to me. Have you checked back with them since they were taking it up the chain of command? How do we initiate the dialogue with WeHo?

Also, we're revising the plans for the wayfinding signage with the destinations that Caltrans will approve. We should be able to resubmit shortly. What would be the next steps for that?

Finally, we met with a Caltrans person regarding our medallions; which is our portion of the match. That department also has crazy restrictions. He suggested that we have an elected official contact his Director, Michael Miles. We did have our Assembly member write a letter of support and I will be following up with them. If this is successful, do you think it might help with the gateway signs?

We'd really like to move forward with this. It's been way too long. Your assistance, as always, is greatly appreciated.

Best,
Susan

On 6/13/13 6:47 AM, "Carlos Rios"
<carlos.rios@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi Susan,

Sorry for this delayed response. We were told recently (again) that the entry monument cannot be approved as designed. Caltrans still has issues on the portion that overhangs over the street. They looked at different standards to see if somehow they could approve it, but to no avail. The last communication we had with them they were going to take it further up their chain of command, but they weren't very hopeful.

They did suggest one option that may fly on the westerly sign. Since this sign is adjacent to the City of West Hollywood, if we move it slightly into their jurisdiction, then they

would defer the response to West Hollywood. Instead of continuing to wait for the upper management to give us their final decision, maybe we should start talking to West Hollywood and get their approval. The only recommendation Caltrans made on the easterly sign is to re-design such that the sign does not overhang on the street.

Sorry for this bad news. Please let us know how you wish to move forward.

Carlos

On May 20, 2013 12:38 PM, "Susan Levi" <susanlevi@abids.org> wrote:

Hi Carlos,

It's been a while. I wanted to check the status of the grant. Any updates? How do we move this forward?

Best,
Susan

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